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## Davis, Federal Officials to Announce Return of General Aviation to Reagan National Tomorrow

'Great News for Entire Region,' Congressman Davis Says

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Where: ROOM 2247, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

About:

Thanks to the efforts of the local congressional delegation, notably Congressman Tom Davis (R-VA-11<sup>th</sup>), the Department of Homeland Security will announce tomorrow that it has established regulations allowing for the return of private flights into and out of Reagan National Airport.

The announcement will be made Wednesday at a press conference featuring Davis, Homeland Security officials and other Members of Congress.

General aviation aircraft have generally been prohibited from using Reagan National since the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 terrorist attacks. Davis hailed the decision as a major victory for the entire metropolitan area, and thanked his colleagues in the regional delegation for their efforts over the past four years to work together on this issue.

"This is great news for the entire region," Davis said. "This is a return to normalcy for Reagan National, and will have positive economic effects through Northern Virginia and the region. And it demonstrates that we have not succumbed to fear."

Davis is the chief sponsor of H.R. 911, a bill requiring Homeland Security to reopen Reagan National to non-commercial aircraft.